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Sir:

The above-identified Reissue application was filed April 27, 2001 and a Response to Notice of Missing Parts of Application was filed June 20, 2001. Since more than three years have elapsed since that date, and no Office Action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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